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WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

- On March 23, a festive concert was held at school in honour of our legendary conductor and Tartu Tähe Cavalier Kadri Leppoja. Girls' choir, mixed choir, Tartu Youth Choir and combined choirs performed in the event. The school family, alumni, former colleagues and mayor Urmas Klaas came to congratulate the jubilee.
- Kadri Leppoja has been working at our school since 1976. For decades, he has been developing school and choral music to instil a love of music in young people and to maintain the continuity of school music and singing culture. All our school's choirs have participated in local and national singing festivals. Several musicals have been staged with the school choir, and they have participated in several Vanemuise performances.

• BIRTHDAYS

31.03 Maili Tirel

04.04 Jannar Tähepõld





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- From 8–16 March, our 11th and 12th-grade Literature students were on a practical course at the Estonian Literary Museum. During the first week, they had a guided tour and a visit to the collections. Each student conducted a small research project in the second week using the museum's collections. Students were supervised by Merike Kiipus, Head of the Archives Library, and Kristi Metste, Head of the EKLA. **What did our students research and what did they think of the exercise?**
- **Anra Ilves** was particularly interested in materials related to **Aino Callas**. Her interest began in a house in the centre of Elva (Hotel Elwa), also known as the house of the Finnish writer Aino Kalda, because she stayed there continuously during her days in Tartu (17 years). **Anra writes:** "The visit to the museum opened my eyes to the special and unknown side of this institution, giving me an in-depth insight into its organisational part. It was a cultural and, in my opinion, very necessary visit. The experience of taking on the role of researcher was a wonderful one. I got to live out my Sherlock Holmes dreams. I can now confidently say that I will be able to find the information I need in the future on any subject. I know where to go and what to do."
- **Eliise Põder** decided to look at the oldest books on cookery there were in the archive library of the Literary Museum. She chose this topic because she wanted to see how much old cookery books differed from modern ones. **Eliise writes:** "I'm glad I was able to visit the museum because I discovered a really beautiful house so close to the school, and I got an insight into the activities of the Literary Museum. My experience as a researcher was useful for the future because even if I don't plan to go into literature academically, finding and analysing suitable material is necessary for almost any field."
- **Merit Ots** studied the work of Marie Under. **Merit writes:** "The museum visit was a great experience for me. The architecture of the Literary Museum is strikingly beautiful, and the staff are dedicated and helpful; you can tell they enjoy their work. I was particularly impressed by the organisation and systematisation of the archives. I would like to have such a job myself one day. The museum had a pleasant and inviting atmosphere; it was a proud feeling to be in a house with so much wisdom, history and literature." Continues...



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- "I was interested in research, and I was able to delve into a topic that was exciting and interesting for me. Finding the materials turned out to be a bit more challenging; it was difficult to navigate the database. I believe that my experience as a researcher was positive and inspiring. There was a desire to continue to delve deeper and explore further."
- **Christy Kirbits** came to know the correspondence between **R. Kreutzwald** and **Lydia Koidula**. Christy writes: "Visiting the Literary Museum was an interesting experience, and using the materials there was something new for me. This experience may come in handy when I need to research a writer or artist about whom there is little information on the Internet. In the future, I will better manage to find information, process it, and formulate my thoughts."
- **Kertu Raudsepp** studied the oldest works of Estonian fiction in the archive library. Kertu writes: "I really liked the visit to the museum. The staff there were very helpful and nice, and the museum was unexpectedly large and spacious. It was my first experience as a researcher, and I enjoyed it. I can now use the Kivikese portal. Although the search was not the most accurate, it was quite easy to find things. It was pleasant to work in the beautiful reading room."



- **Hans Joosep Tamme** chose **Fridebert Tuglas** as his research object. Using the archive was definitely a useful experience for me. I learned a lot about Tuglas and the Literary Museum. In my opinion, this course could become a literature module tradition."
- On the Day of European Writers, the writer **Meelis Friedenthal** met our young people and suggested reading LR publications **Plato** and **Umberto Eco's** novel "The Name of the Rose".



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- Last Wednesday, our alumnus Indrek Tani was the teacher in the 11th-grade Cookery elective course. We made **deep-fried risotto balls**, known as arancini sold on Italian street food menus. Indrek has been cooking since childhood, read cookbooks like storybooks and learned to analyze activities in the kitchen critically. Teacher Marje Peedisson also studied. Thank you, Indrek!



- The **Kampus apron** is popular among Home Economics class students. It has a great track record. As part of "Tasty Tartu", teacher Marje Peedisson and her friends were tasting what is offered in Kampus. Marje praised the excellent design of the waiter's apron. Somehow it slipped over his lips: "Couldn't I also buy this apron for the home economics class at school?" To my great surprise, I heard the answer: "Yes, teacher, you can get this apron!" – the waiter was Tõnis Nõps, a former Härma student, today's boss of Kampus and Pompei restaurants. Thank you, Tõnis!





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- In the final round of the Mathematics Olympiad, the 12th-13th place was shared by 9th grades Maria Alas (9a, teachers Janika Kaljula and Oliver Oll), 16th place went to Uku Märt Raasik (9b, teacher Oliver Oll). Martin Pöder (10b, teacher Kristi Kreutzberg) took 23rd place among the 10th grades; Laur Saks and Tõnu Uustare (both 11DP, teacher Nisha Kulkarni) shared the 12th-14th among the 11th grades.
- Our 9th-grade student Iris Kivi took 4th place in the final round of the Social Studies Olympiad. Supervised by Kaarel Viljaste and Alla Vinichenko.
- In the final round of the 70th Estonian School Youth Chemistry Olympiad, Karolin Ruumet (10a, teacher Helle Sorge) took 13th place among the 10th grades, Laur Saks (11DP, teacher Jörgen Metsik) took 9th place among the 11th grades, and Triin Punab took 21st place (11DP, teacher Jörgen Metsik).
- On March 24, at the German Cultural Institute's German poetry competition, Kaia Oder (6b, teacher Maigi Varusk) was awarded the audience prize among the 6th-9th grades. Among grades 9-12, Lene Tiinas (12b, teacher Maigi Varusk) took 2nd place and won the audience prize.
- Nutisport Tartumaa finals were held on March 24. Our best were: Eliis Guhse (2b) - 2nd place, Jakko Rõivassepp (2a) - 5th place, Maria Saluse (2b) - 7th place.
- MHG team took part in the Literary Game held on March 21 at the Tartu City Library: Saamuel Sööt (4b), Anni Grünberg (3b) and Hendrik Sebastian Asu Garcia (3b). The team achieved a very good 2nd place.
- On March 24, biology students from the IB Diploma Program visited the Elite clinic, where they were introduced to in vitro fertilization and infertility treatment as well as were given an overview of private medicine. Thank you, Dr Sõritsa for welcoming us again!





SPOTTED FROST

- Britta Sokk (3b) participated in the art competition "Comic is a Work of Art" organized by the Estonian Art Schools Union with her work "Captain Auh and Super Meow". His work was selected among the featured works. See more [HERE](#).





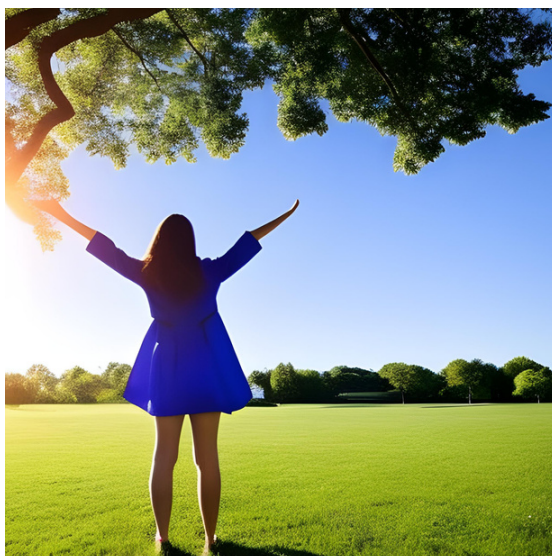
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Students who made it to the second round of the national competition for student research papers and their supervisors:

- **Elisabet Judin** (12c) "3D human modelling and animation", supervisor Reet Volmer
- **Elo Joandi** (12a) "Diet identification based on hair isotope analyses: a case study of contemporary and archaeological material", supervisors Mari Tõrv, Ester Oras, Holar Sepp, Helen Semilarski.
- **Eva Kristine Tammine** (12b) "Career choices of secondary school students after graduation and the factors affecting them on the example of three Tartu high schools", supervisor Janika Kaljula.
- **Joosep Toom** (12DP) "How much do the 10 most spoken languages, and compared to them, Estonian use pitch change?", supervisor Hendrik Vija.
- **Laura Kuusik** (12b) "Environmental anxiety among high school students in Tartu", supervisors Helen Semilarski, Janika Kaljula.
- **Liyanage Don Sithil Insara Liyanage** (12DP) "Study on the effect of potassium permanganate (KMnO₄) on banana ripening", supervisor Kristin Karis.
- **Matthias Loona** (12DP) "How does playing the flageolet affect the overtones created on the guitar string?", supervisor Riina Murulaid.

A total of 78 works made it to the second round. The entire list can be viewed [HERE](#).

The second round of the competition with poster presentations will take place on 11-12 April at the Students' Science Festival at the Estonian National Museum.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 27-31 March – 12DP mock examinations (week 1).
- 28 March – students of the course "Natural sciences, technology and society" on a study day at Tartu Health College; 2b watching the play "Peter and the Hunt" at Vanemuise's small house.
- 29 March - English trial e-exam for 9th graders (oral); Tartu city Russian language competition for native Russian students; 8a and 8b in the study program at Loodusmaja; 9e on a study tour at KGB cells; **Study group of Tartu school leaders at MHG on ChatGPT; General meeting of Student Council.**
- 30 March - city-wide Russian language olympiad for 8th-grade students; 8e and 9e on an excursion at the UT observatory in Tõravere; a regional round of the Mathematics competition NUPUTA; 9b on a study tour at the KGB cells.
- 31 March - **Lithuanian school principals visiting MHG**; song festival recital for maiden choirs; 7a class night; 5a playing bowling.
- 1 April- the final round of the Physics Olympiad, national Estonian Literary Olympiad; Jubilee concert of the youth choir in the MHG hall.
- 3-6 April – 12DP mock examinations (week 2).
- 3 April - the beginning of a new course in English for the 11th grade; 7b visiting the Natural History Museum of UT.
- 4 April - follow-up defences of UPTs; 7a at the Natural History Museum of UT; fairy tale and drama morning for German language learners at the Institute of German Culture.
- 5 April - Russian language fiction contest for 6th-grade students at Kivilinna school; 12ac subject "Natural sciences, technology and society" study day.
- 6 April - 12th-grade "Titepäev"; 6a class evening.
- 7 April - Good Friday (no school).
- 10-14 April - preliminary exams week for secondary school.
- 10 April - Student Council organizes Easter activities.
- 12 April - German reading competition for 7th grades.
- 13-15 April - 6a on a KLAPP hike.
- 13 April - the last meeting of the "Success and Happiness" project; children's choir recital.
- 14 April - **12th grade last school bell ceremony**; 7b class night.
- 15 April - recital of the boys' choir.
- 17 April - DELF scolaire written exam.
- 18 April- recital of the children's choir.



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